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Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Old Hill,
Staffs.

August, 1964.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
for the Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1963 in which is incorporated the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. The report is prepared in accordance with instructions contained in the Ministry of Health's Circular No. 1/64 dated 13th January, 1964.

The vital statistics vary little from those of the previous year. The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 11.29 (10.58 in 1962) and the Birth Rate was 13.44 per thousand population (14.50 in 1962). Seventeen infants under the age of 12 months died during the year and of these 11 were under the age of 4 weeks. The Infant Mortality Rate i.e., the number of infants under the age of 1 year per 1,000 live births was 25.64 (18.28 in 1962). This is the highest rate since 1958 when it was 25.97.

Diseases of the heart and circulatory system were the cause of death in 194 cases and cancer in 118 cases. Cancer of the lungs caused the death of 25 men and 3 women.

Once again I take the opportunity of putting on record my appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of my staff and of the help and consideration given by the members of the Council, especially those who serve on the Public Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

F. ASKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at 31st December, 1963

Chairman: Alderman Mrs. Pritchard

Vice-Chairman: Alderman S. Walker

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. Adams, J.P., the Deputy Mayor, Alderman B. Willetts, Aldermen J.P. Pennington, J.P., A. Westwood, Councillors J. Bastable, W.J. Biggs, Mrs. M. A. Bridgewater, E. S. Greenway, J. Hartland, Mrs. E. Matthews, W.T. Salt and W. H. Walker.

MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

on the

ROWLEY REGIS AREA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Aldermen J.P. Pennington, J.P., Mrs. P. Pritchard, S. Walker, and Councillors J.W. Bastable and Mrs. M.A. Bridgewater.

*Councillors A.J. Barker, C.C., and D. Harty.

*Note: These members were appointed by the Staffordshire County Council.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

Senior Hospital Medical Officer, Moxley I.D. Hospital
Medical Referee, Rowley Regis Crematorium.

FRANK ASKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:-

FREDERICK T. HARRISON, D.P.A., M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, Smoke Inspector's Certificate, Certificate of Institute of Sanitary Engineers, Royal Sanitary Institute Sanitary Science Certificate.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:-

LEONARD COOMBES, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:-

LASHFORD R. TURBIN, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate.

BASIL HORACE JOHN RICHARDS, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

ROBERT CHARLES KEEN, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Student Public Health Inspectors:-

Anthony N. Adams.
Patrick J. Lynch.

Clerks:-

Miss D. Morgan, Chief Clerk.
Miss T. Shaw
Miss B. Rawlings
Miss P. Bowdler.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid year 1963)	49,330
Population (Census)	49,409
Number of inhabited houses (at 31st December, 1963) ...	16,176
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1963)	£2,154,176
Product of Penny Rate for the year 1963 - 1964 ...	£ 8,550.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Although parts of the Tividale and Rowley Regis Wards are

agricultural in character, the district is essentially an industrial one. The manufacture of iron goods, such as nails, rivets, tubes, shovels, chains and anchors, holloware, electrical fittings, being amongst the chief industries. A hard basaltic rock known as 'Rowley Rag' is quarried from the hills and is largely used for paving and channelling purposes.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	288	346	634
Illegitimate	...	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>
		<u>303</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>663</u>
		=====	=====	=====

*Birth Rate per 1,000 population 13.44

STILL BIRTHS: Male 6 Female 5 Total 11

Rate per 1,000 population 0.22

Rate per 1,000 live and still births 16.32

DEATHS:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
296	261	557

*Death Rate per 1,000 population 11.29

Deaths from Puerperal causes 1

Rate per 1,000 live and still births - 1.48

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

All Infants 17 Legitimate 17 Illegitimate -

Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births 25.64

Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate	
live births 	26.81

Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000	
illegitimate live births 	-

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :

All Infants	11	Legitimate	11	Illegitimate	-
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*It will be apparent that the Birth and Death Rate of any area is bound to be influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that truer comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Birth and Death Rates are multiplied by a number called the 'comparability factor' the result being known as the Corrected Birth or Death Rate. These 'comparability factors' are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution of the population as shown by the census. For Rowley Regis they are as follows:-

Comparability Factor for births 0.97 and for deaths 1.31 and the corrected birth rate is 13.03 per 1,000 population, and the corrected death rate is 14.78 per 1,000 population.

BIRTHS

The total live births accredited to Rowley Regis during the year under review was 663 a decrease of 48 on the preceding year. The birth rate for the area was 13.44 which figure is lower than that for the whole of the country (viz. 18.2). Of these 663 births, 29 were illegitimate, 15 male and 14 female.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF
CAUSES OF DEATH IN THIS AREA

Cause of Death	M.	F.	Total
ALL CAUSES	296	261	557
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	2	3
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-	1
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm stomach	9	5	14
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	25	3	28
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	12	12
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	26	31	57
Leukaemia, Aleukamia	1	3	4
Diabetes	4	4	8
Vascular Lesions of the nervous system	40	36	76
Coronary Disease, Angina	63	32	95
Hypertension with Heart Disease	10	9	19
Other Heart Disease	17	50	67
Other Circulatory disease	8	5	13
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	16	14	30
Bronchitis	34	11	45
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	4
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	3	3	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	1	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	5	2	7
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	19	27
Motor vehicle accidents	8	2	10
Suicide	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
All other accidents	6	7	13

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE DEATH RATE

557 deaths were recorded in Rowley Regis in 1963. The general rate showed an increase, viz. 11.29 as compared with 10.58 in 1962. The highest number of deaths were attributable to the following causes:-

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation	194
Cancer	118
Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)	81
Diseases of the Nervous System	76

ABNORMAL SICKNESS OR MORTALITY

There has been no unusual excessive mortality during the year nor have the occupations or environment of the district had any demonstrably detrimental effect upon the public health.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological and pathological examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, which is under the direction of Dr. F.W. Mackay Scolley. Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Chemical Laboratory under the direction of A. Houlbrooke Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulances are provided by the County Council for the transport of infectious and non-infectious cases. The service is free and available at any hour of the day or night.

Hospital Facilities.

There are no hospitals sited in the Borough so that the inhabitants have to use those situated in neighbouring areas. The chief ones are the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge; the Guest Hospital, Dudley and the City of Birmingham Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases.

The majority of cases of infectious disease requiring

hospital treatment are admitted to the Moxley Isolation hospital, Wednesbury. No difficulty is experienced in removing cases.

Tuberculosis.

The care and treatment of Tuberculosis is the responsibility of Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Clinics are held daily at Parsons Street, Dudley. Sanatoria are situated at Prestwood, Kinver and Himley.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

School Clinics and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics etc., are provided by the County Council and are held at Mace Street Clinic, Carlyle Road Clinic, and Elm Terrace Clinic.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

- (a) Maternal Mortality. One maternal death occurred during the year.
- (b) Infantile Mortality. 17 deaths were registered in children under 1 year, 11 of which occurred under the age of 4 weeks. The infantile mortality rate of 25.64 was higher than the figure for 1962, which was 18.28.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 643 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1963, as compared with 145 in 1962. The following table shows the actual number of cases of the various types of diseases which were notified during the year together with the number after correction.

Disease	Number notified	Number after correction
Scarlet Fever	59	59
Whooping Cough	23	23
Measles	526	526
Pneumonia	22	22
Paratyphoid Fever	1	1
Erysipelas	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	6	6
Tuberculosis - Non-respiratory	3	3

SMALLPOX. No cases occurred during the year.

SCARLET FEVER. There were 59 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year as compared with 28 cases on 1962. Three cases were removed to Hospital, the remainder being treated at home. The disease was of a mild type and there were no deaths. Cases are only removed to Hospital if they cannot be treated properly at home, or if there are reasons in the public interest why they should be isolated in Hospital.

WHOOPING COUGH. There were 23 cases of whooping cough notified (23 in 1962) two of which were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease. 411 children were immunised against whooping cough during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district during the year.

MEASLES. There were 526 cases of measles notified during the year. (39 in 1962). Six cases were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA. There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. There can be no doubt that this low incidence is the result of the vigorous immunisation that has been carried out during the past years.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION. This is carried out by the County Council either by their Medical Officers or by arrangement with medical practitioners. I am indebted to Doctor McLennan, the Area Medical Officer for the following report and statistical tables showing the work carried out in Rowley Regis during 1963.

"The statistical tables are presented in the form of the periodic returns made to the Ministry of Health, and although separate tables are given for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, you will appreciate that most of the initial courses are given in combination by way of triple antigen. I mentioned in my letter of the 3rd April, 1963, that immunisation with triple antigen was administered to infants at the age of 9 to 12 months after they had completed a course of vaccination against poliomyelitis in accordance with the Ministry of Health Schedule 'Q'. The figures for diphtheria immunisation are somewhat better than those for the preceding year (1962), but one wonders whether they might be better if children were immunised at an earlier age. I think it is appropriate therefore to tell you that the County

Council have now decided to operate the Ministry of Health Schedule 'P' in future, by which infants will receive three doses of triple antigen between their 3rd and 5th months of life, and this will be followed by a course of poliomyelitis vaccination and I feel that this will result in higher numbers of infants being protected in future.

At the beginning of 1963, the County Council included small-pox vaccination in its routine vaccination scheme, and the relatively high numbers of children of school age who were vaccinated during 1963 are the result of the visits to Junior Schools by the Immunisation Team".

Statistical Tables for the year ended 31st December, 1963

Rowley Regis.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth	Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year	No. of children who received reinforcing injections
1963	55	-
1962	286	4
1961	60	2
1960	3	-
1959	4	10
1958 - 1954	76	391
1953 - 1949	1	-
Total	485	407

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth	Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of Pertussis Vaccine (singly or in combination) during year.	No. of children who received reinforcing injections
1963	57	-
1962	284	4
1961	40	5
1960	-	1
1959	2	1
1954 - 1958	2	14
1949 - 1953	-	1
Totals	385	26

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Year of Birth	Number of persons who completed a primary course of vaccination.		Total
	Oral Vaccine	Salk Vaccine	
1963	64	-	64
1962	239	17	256
1961	43	5	48
1943 - 1960	16	1	17
1933 - 1942	15	1	16
Other previous 1933	12	1	13
Totals	389	25	414
No. of persons who received reinforcing doses	<u>3rd.</u> 80	<u>4th</u> 24	<u>3rd</u> 265 <u>4th</u> 377
			746

Age at date of vaccination	Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated during the year.	
	No. vaccinated	No. re-vaccinated
0 - 3 months	11	-
3 - 6 months	30	-
6 - 9 months	3	-
9 - 12 months	6	-
1 year	70	-
2 - 4 years	16	-
5 - 14 years	547	169
15 or over	23	26
Totals	706	195

TETANUS

Year of Birth	Initial	Reinforcing
1963	56	-
1962	286	4
1961	69	2
1960	2	1
1959	1	1
1958 - 1954	2	11
1953 - 1949	-	1
Totals	416	20

TUBERCULOSIS. There were 6 notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis & 3 Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year as compared with 16 and 3 during 1962. There were 3 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (3 in 1962). The following table shows the new cases in the various age groups, and also deaths.

Age Periods Years.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	5	1	2	1	1	2	-	-

Home visiting of these cases is carried out by the County Council Health Visitors and copies of their reports are supplied to me.

Information as to any sanitary defect or overcrowding is contained in these reports which enables us to take any necessary action to abate them. Cases of overcrowding are reported through to the Housing Department with a recommendation regarding re-housing and wherever possible the Estates Management Committee have granted the tenancy of a council house. Close and effective co-operation exists between the Public Health Department and the Housing Department.

The following table shows the number of cases admitted

to hospitals during the year:-

Name of Institution	Number of admissions	Number of discharges
Prestwood Sanatorium	13	8
Romsley Hill Hospital	1	-
The Limes, Himley	1	-

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF EMPLOYEES

During the year, 29 entrants to the Corporation's employment were examined as to fitness for inclusion in the Superannuation and Sick Pay Schemes.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No persons were removed to hospital under the above Act during the year 1963.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the
Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report marks my tenth anniversary as your Chief Public Health Inspector and I crave your indulgence in a little reminiscing on the expansion of the responsibilities of the Department during this decade.

Shortly after my appointment we had the return of meat inspection at fourteen slaughterhouses, followed rapidly by the acceleration of slum clearance and the formulation of a five year programme. A spate of food and slaughterhouse legislation followed, culminating in the reduction of the number of slaughterhouses to six well-appointed premises, and the improvement of all the food premises in the Borough - a vast undertaking barely completed.

In the meanwhile, the Clean Air Act, 1956 had placed a heavy burden on Health Departments and the Rent Act, 1957, of which we now hear so little, caused a flood of work for over twelve months. This was by no means the extent of new legislation - the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, Noise Abatement Act, 1960, Factories Act, 1961, Public Health Act, 1961, and the Housing Act, 1961, all brought their problems and duties. Now it is the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act which promises to increase the work in the Department beyond all measure.

Looking back on the constant flow of Act and Regulation, I am mildly surprised that one can recollect the names of the Acts, let alone the voluminous provisions. The spade work of implementation has been carried out and is being carried out, quietly, efficiently, only occasionally hitting the headlines with prosecutions, and certainly not generally appreciated. Possibly the unkindest feature to the average Public Health Inspector is the general lack of interest or appreciation of his work, for he is a dedicated man but human withall.

The routine work of the department is set out in each of its sections and represents a vast output from a comparatively small staff. A happy feature is the lack of serious infectious disease or food poisoning outbreaks.

I would tender my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement and to the Medical Officer of Health, Chief Officers and Members of my Staff for their co-operation and help during the year.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant,

F. T. HARRISON,

Chief Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

- (i) The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and is satisfactory in both (a) quantity and (b) quality.

This water is supplied to the Company in bulk from Birmingham, where the principal source of supply is obtained from the gathering ground of the rivers Elan and Claerwin in Mid-Wales.

- (ii) There is a piped water supply throughout the district except as follows:-

117-118, Corngreaves Road, Cradley Heath.

(An order has been given to provide a mains water supply to these houses).

- (iii) The water is not of an acidic nature; and

- (iv) No action for contamination was necessary.

- (v) The public water mains supply direct is as follows:

(a) Houses	...	...	...	...	16,176
(b) Population	...	...	...	...	49,330
By means of standpipes	...	...	...	...	Nil

OPEN AIR SWIMMING BATHS

Haden Hill Park: Fill and empty bath, water changed weekly from the public supply during the summer months. Manual chlorination. Although carefully supervised, this type of bath is unsatisfactory from a public health standpoint.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The greater part of the sewage passes down the Upper Stour Valley Main Sewerage Board's sewers, and is dealt with on the land irrigation principle at Whittington, Near Stourbridge, the effluent being discharged into the River Stour.

A small sewage disposal works is in use at Tividale, the effluent being discharged into a tributary of the Tame.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

No pollution was reported during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

There are 35 cesspools within the Borough and these are emptied regularly by a gully emptier from the Borough Surveyor's Department.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

I can once more record a year of smooth and efficient service with few complaints and a regular weekly collection.

This service is now accepted as a routine by members of the public and any deviation, even for Public Holidays, arouses comment or calls for explanation and it is gratifying to note the interest and appreciation even when it is critical, which fortunately is rare.

STATISTICS

Round Number and District	Vehicle	Number of Bins	Number of Pails	Trade Bins collected during financial year 1963-1964
Number 1 Old Hill	Fore and After Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1961	2,923	-	3,926
Number 2 Cradley Heath	Bedford Daybrook 1963	2,897	8	7,100
Number 3 Blackheath	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1959	2,912	1	3,796
Number 4 Tividale	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1957	2,938	13	1,274
Number 5 Rowley	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1955	2,910	19	1,508
Number 6 Springfield	Fore and Aft Bulk loader Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1962	2,981	10	1,222
	Totals	17,561	51	18,826

Spare Vehicles: Two side loaders, Shelvoke and Drewry, petrol - 1951 and 1952.

Tip Work: One County Crawler - 1958,

Salvage Collection: Thames Trader 1962.

Street Sweeping: S.S.C. Lewin Sweeper - Diesel - 1956
 Lewin Sweepmaster - Diesel - 1960
 Two Litta Snatchas - Petrol.

Sanitary Services and Street Sweeping:

Commer Van - 1963
 Ford 5 cwts. Thames (3) 1957, 1959 and 1959.

Employees: Foreman and Clerk.
 Six Refuse Freighter Drivers.
 Eighteen Refuse Loaders.
 One Tipman
 One Driver and One Collector, Salvage - females.
 One Rodent operative.
 One Attendant - public sanitary conveniences.
 Two Driver - mechanical sweepers.
 Seven Roadsweepers - manual.
 One paper baler and general duties.
 One mortuary attendant - part time.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS				1963-64	1962-63
Area (statute acres)	...	...	...	3,793	3,793
Population (Registrar General's estimate, June 1963)	...	...	...	49,330	49,030
Total refuse collection (tons) estimated	...	...	...	12,975	11,963
Weight (cwts.) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year)				<u>Test weighings</u>	
				14.44	13.36
Number of premises from which refuse is collected	...	...	...	17,168	16,615
Average haul (miles) by <u>collection</u> vehicle to disposal point (<u>single journey</u>)	...	...	...	3¼	2¼
Total refuse disposed of	...	...	...	13,425 tons	12,684 tons
Methods of disposal (salvage excluded):					
Controlled tipping				100%	100%

SALVAGE AND TRADE REFUSE

	Tonnage		Income	
	1963-1964	1962-1963	1963-1964	1962-1963
Waste Paper	327	288	£2,454	£2,115
Trade Refuse	913	974	£ 915	£ 948
Totals	1,240	1,262	£3,369	£3,063

Cost Statement

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Year	Net Cost	Cost per 1,000 Population	Cost per 1,000 premises
1963 - 1964	£34,837	£706	£2,029
1962 - 1963	£32,530	£663	£1,958

PROVISION OF DUST BINS

	<u>1963 - 1964</u>	<u>1962 - 1963</u>
Number of Bins renewed	1,716	1,526
Provided to new Corporation houses	58	93
Net Cost as charge on the Rates	£3,693	£3,143
Equivalent Rate Charge	.42	1.28

STATISTICS - STREET CLEANSING

Particulars	Street Sweeping and Watering	
	1962 - 1963	1963 - 1964
	£	£
GROSS EXPENDITURE		
(i) Labour	5,734	5,966
(ii) Transport	3,310	5,803
(iii) Plant, equipment, building &c.	251	139
(iv) Other items ...	118	146
INCOME - NIL		
NET COST	9,413	12,054
UNIT COSTS	£	£
Net cost per street mile ...	147	186
Net cost per 1,000 population	192	244

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

During the year 1963 - 1964, £2,707 has been spent on public conveniences and much more is needed to keep these places tidy and in a reasonable state of decoration. Malicious damage shewed some increase during the year, and it is increasingly difficult to get repairs carried out, due in some measure to work study schemes in operation in the Building Department.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

A. THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR, 1963

HOUSES

UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Houses where no defects were found to exist 99
Houses where defects were found to exist 303

HOUSES INSPECTED UNDER HOUSING ACTS 364

RENT ACT, 1957.

Number of houses inspected for
Certificates of Disrepair 2

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES inspected during the year 1963 ... 768

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE 3,581

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

NATURE	NUMBER OF INSPECTION MADE
Insect Infestations ...	45
Visits for offences under Shop Act (Closing Hours) ...	60
Drains ...	708
Public Sanitary Conveniences ..	238
Slaughterhouses ...	1,559
Foodstores ...	969
Piggeries ...	28
Factories and Outworkers ...	228
Bakehouses ...	15
Licensed Premises ...	157
Van Dwellings ...	256
Carbide Stores ...	8
Petroleum Stores ...	546
Smoke & Atmospheric Pollution .	1,019
Infectious Diseases ...	99
Pet Animals Act ...	7
Cinemas ...	29
Rag Flock Act ...	5
Wells & Water Supplies ...	19

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

NATURE	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE
Food Poisoning (Suspected) . . .	4
Burial of the Dead . . .	12
Pail Closets . . .	6
Houses in Multi-occupation . . .	52
Watercourses . . .	33
Ice-Cream Stores . . .	32
Canteens, Cafes & Restaurants . .	106
Cellulose Stores . . .	38
Street Cleansing . . .	446
Water & Sewage in cellars . . .	72
Refuse Tips and Depots . . .	783
Mortuaries . . .	26
Survey under Housing Acts . . .	243
Persons in Need of Care & Attention	25
Accumulations . . .	153
Miscellaneous . . .	882
Markets & Food Stalls . . .	141
Public Cleansing . . .	83
Swimming Baths . . .	2
Stables, Animals & Birds . . .	25
Dirty Premises . . .	50
Noise . . .	303
Overcrowding . . .	5
Verminous Persons . . .	3

INTERVIEWS WITH OWNERS, BUILDERS, ETC. 1,678

COMPLAINTS

Total Number of Complaints received during 1963 451

Common Lodging Houses	...	NIL
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SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED 1963

Nature of defects or nuisances	Total of number of defects remedied
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DWELLING HOUSE.

<u>External</u>	Roof	62
	Walls	13
	Chimneys	-
	Stability	45
	Paving	1
	Accumulations	21
<u>Internal</u>	Ceilings	...	...	...	20
	Walls	...	...	...	18
	Floors	...	...	...	10
	Fittings	...	...	...	61
	Stairs	...	...	...	3
	Dampness	...	...	...	19
	Water Supply	...	...	...	16
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	...	20
	Insufficient Cooking Facilities				2
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	8
	Repairs	...	...	...	141
<u>Drains & W.C.'s.</u>	Obstructions	...	...	...	264
	Additional W.C.'s Provided	...			4
	W.C. Conversions..	...	...	...	4

FACTORIES.

Ceilings	...	...	...	1
Roofs	...	...	...	2
Walls	...	...	...	1
Fittings	...	...	...	5
Stability	...	...	...	3
Light & vent	...	...	...	12
Dirty Rooms	...	...	...	2
Accumulations	...	...	...	3
Dust, Grit and Smoke	...	...	...	16
Drainage Obstructions	..	...		50
& Repair				
Noise Nuisance	...	...	...	10
Additional W.C.'s				
Provided	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	13

Nature of defects or nuisance	Total number of defects remedied
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SHOPS AND FOODSTORES.

<u>External.</u>	Roof	2
	Walls	2
<u>Internal.</u>	Ceilings	8
	Walls	5
	Floors	5
	Fittings	...	...	...	7
	Light and Ventilation	...	...	...	1
	Water Supply	...	...	...	8
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	...	12
	Insufficient cooking and preparing rooms	...	...	...	1
	Accumulations	...	...	...	8
	Dust and Grit Protection	...	...	...	16
	Refuse Storage facilities	...	...	...	3
	Wash Hands Notices	...	...	...	3
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	...	7
	Cloakroom	...	...	...	1
	Contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	...	38
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	...	8
	Drainage Obstructions	...	...	...	12
	Dirty Utensils	...	...	...	2
	Additional W.C.'s	...	...	...	1
	Noise Nuisances	...	...	...	1
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	8

FOOD PREPARATION, BAKEHOUSE, CANTEENS & RESTAURANTS.

<u>Internal.</u>	Ceilings	...	...	...	4
	Walls	...	...	...	4
	Floors	...	...	...	3
	Fittings	...	...	...	5
	Light & Ventilation	...	...	...	1
	Water Supply	...	...	...	8
	Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	...	34
	Dust & Grit Protection	6

Nature of defects or nuisance	Total number of defects remedied
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FOOD PREPARATION, BAKEHOUSE,
CANTEENS & RESTAURANTS. (Continued)

<u>Internal.</u>	Dirty Rooms	28
	Accumulations	...	...	...	8
	Dirty Utensils	...	...	...	7
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	...	3
	Refuse Storage Facilities	...	...	...	3
	Wash Hands Notices	...	...	...	-
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	...	8
	Drainage Obstructions	...	...	...	4

LICENCED PREMISES AND CLUBS.

<u>External.</u>	Roof	...	...	...	2
	Walls	...	...	...	2
	Stability	...	...	...	1

<u>Internal.</u>	Walls	...	...	...	3
	Ceilings	...	...	...	1
	Dampness	...	...	...	3
	Fittings	...	...	...	5
	Light & Ventilation	...	...	...	1
	Water Supply	...	...	...	13
	Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	...	15
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	...	35
	Dust & Grit Protection	...	...	...	1
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	...	4
	Additional W.C.'s	...	...	...	1
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	...	49
	Drainage Obstructions	...	...	...	10
	Accumulations	...	...	...	1
	Refuse Storage facilities	...	...	...	2
	Wash Hands Notices	...	...	...	1
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1

PETROL STORES.

Defective pumps	...	...	1
Defective hoses	...	...	7
Defective vent pipes	1

Nature of defects or nuisance	Total number of defects remedied
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PETROL STORES.

Defective electrical appliances	3
Defective Limiters	3
Insufficient fire extinguishers .	43
NO SMOKING Notices	23
Disused tanks made safe	-
Inadequate Lighting 	1
Pressure Tests 	30
Tanks filled in 	4
New Tanks 	3
Miscellaneous 	4

CARBIDE & CELLULOSE STORES.

Insufficient fire extinguisher ..	1
NO SMOKING Notices 	1
Miscellaneous requirements 	1

THEATRES & CINEMAS.

Insufficient fire extinguishers	2
Inadequate Lighting 	1
Sanitary Conveniences 	-
Miscellaneous 	10

CARAVANS.

Occupying land without a licence	5
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PIGGERIES & STABLES.

Roof 	1
Walls 	1
Floor 	1
Accumulation 	1

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Walls 	1
Floors 	1
Fittings 	1

Nature of defects or nuisance

Total number of defects
remedied

Slaughterhouses. (Continued)

Water Supply	1
Drainage Repairs	1
Contraventions of Food	
Hygiene Regulations	7
Dirty Rooms	3
Accumulations	2
Wash Hands Notices	1

B. - THE NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

DURING THE YEAR 1963

(Distinguishing Statutory from Informal)

INFORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1962	213
FORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1962	13
INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1963	623
FORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1963	30
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C. - THE RESULT OF THE SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICES

INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1963 which were outstanding 31st December, 1962	165
INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1963 which were served during the year	388
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1963 which were outstanding 31st December, 1962	13
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1963 which were served during the year	17
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	583
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TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTICES on the books
31st December, 1963

FORMAL	13
INFORMAL	283

NUMBER of Dwellinghouses in the district	...	...	16,176
NUMBER of back-to-back houses included above	..	...	16

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year 1963

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	766
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	3,573
(2)	(a)	Number inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations				118
	(b)	Inspections made for the purpose	...			1,675
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	109
(4)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	303

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority of their officer.	237
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 Housing Act, 1957:-

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
(2)	Dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	NIL

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act -		
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	29
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices during 1963 or notices previously outstanding		
(a) By Owners	... ..	35
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	... ..	NIL
(c) Proceedings under Section 16, 17 and 23 Housing Act, 1957		
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	...	11
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	38
(3) Number of dwellinghouses demolished as a result of informal procedure under Sections 16 and 17	... ..	NIL
(4) Numbers of dwellinghouses demolished being certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	... ..	NIL
(5) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were served		1
(6) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings given	... ..	NIL
(7) Number of dwellinghouses for which undertakings to render houses fit were submitted and accepted by Council		NIL
(8) Number of dwellinghouses made fit on undertakings accepted by the Council		NIL

- (9) Number of undertakings not to use unfit houses for human habitation accepted 2
- (10) Back-to-back houses converted to one and Demolition Orders revoked NIL
- (d) Proceedings under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957:-
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made NIL
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit NIL

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES
RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963

Part A - CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Acts 1936/57)

	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced	Number of families
	Unfit Houses	Other Houses		
(1) Land coloured "Pink"	26	-	95	36
(2) Land coloured "Grey"	-	-	-	-

PART B - HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS	Number of		Number of Families
	Houses	Persons displaced	
(1) Housing Act, 1957.			
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under section 17 (1)	38	39	12
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force	-	-	-
(c) Number of dwellinghouses closed on undertakings to convert back-to-back houses into through houses	-	-	-
(d) Back-to-back houses converted to one and demolition orders revoked	-	-	-
(e) Houses made fit in pursuance of undertakings	-	-	-
(f) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Order made (section 17)	-	-	-
(g) Local Authority owned houses certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health and demolished	-	-	-

The following five Clearance Areas were represented during 1963.

Name of Area	Addresses	Number of Houses
<u>Beet Street No. 2</u>	Beet Street, Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 21.	8
<u>Causeway No. 2</u>	Beet Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Newhouse, 23, 23a, 24a, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Short Street, Nos. 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, Causeway, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.	58
<u>Peartree Street No. 5</u>	Peartree Street, Nos. 26, 27, 28, 73.	4
<u>Peartree Street No. 6</u>	Peartree Street, Nos. 2, 9, 12, 13, 79, 80, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, Peartree Lane, Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25.	29
<u>Spring Meadow No. 1</u>	Spring Meadow, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.	17

Individual Unfit Houses.

Demolition orders were made in the following cases deferred from 1962:-

Halesowen Road, 103, 104, 105.

Dudley Road West, 111, 115.

Spring Meadow 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

11

Houses represented during 1963 Action deferred.

High Street, Cradley Heath Back No. 168. 1

Undertaking accepted not to re-let.

Hawes Lane No. 58. 1

The following houses were demolished during 1963:-

In Clearance Areas

Corngreaves Road,	78, 79, 80, 81.	
Dudley Road, Springfield,	58, 59.	
Heath Street,	45, 46.	
Lower High Street,	49, 50.	
Oldbury Road,	46, 48, 50, 52, 54.	
Peartree Street,	45.	
Perrys Lake,	17a, 18, 19.	
St. Annes Road,	73, 74, 75, 76.	
Siviters Lane,	34, 35, 36.	26

Individual Unfit Houses.

Birchfield Lane,	375, 377.	
Blackberry Lane,	45, 45b.	
Foxoak Street,	30, 31, 32.	
Hollybush Street,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.	
Dudley Road West,	20, 22, 30, 32, 34, 36, 91, 93, 95, 97.	
Lawrence Lane,	76, 77.	
Portway Hill,	4, 140, 142, 144.	
Queen Street, Old Hill,	1, 2.	
Tipton Road,	1, 2, 3.	
Waterfall Lane,	123, 124, 125, 126.	38

Certified as Unfit by the
Medical Officer of Health

Station Road, 198.

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRESS SUMMARY

Programme Year	Houses	Re-housed	Demolished
<u>FIRST YEAR: 1956</u>			
Clearance Areas	80	80	80
Individual Unfit Houses	29	28	28
Houses in pre 1955 action	70	67	62
<u>SECOND YEAR: 1957</u>			
Clearance Areas	71	69	69
Individual Unfit Houses	72	72	67
<u>THIRD YEAR: 1958</u>			
Clearance Areas	132	128	116
Individual Unfit Houses	95	94	80
<u>FOURTH YEAR: 1959</u>			
Clearance Areas	128	108	54
Individual Unfit Houses	56	44	22
<u>FIFTH YEAR: 1960</u>			
Clearance Areas	75	22	4
Individual Unfit Houses	87	76	37
<u>SIXTH YEAR: 1961</u>			
Clearance Areas	128	3	-
Individual Unfit Houses	11	2	1
<u>SEVENTH YEAR: 1962</u>			
Clearance Areas	130	2	-
Individual Unfit Houses	21	8	-
<u>EIGHTH YEAR: 1963</u>			
Clearances Areas	113	-	-
Individual Unfit Houses	8	1	-
Totals	1,306	804	620
31st December, 1963.			

RENT ACT, 1957.

1st January to 31st December, 1963

PART 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1.	Number of applications for certificates	...	...	2
2.	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...		NIL
3.	Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	2
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...		NIL
	(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	2
4.	Number of undertakings given by Landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	2
5.	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule			NIL
6.	Number of Certificates issued	...	...	NIL

PART 11 - APPLICATIONS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

7.	Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	NIL
8.	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates			NIL
9.	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	...	...	NIL
10.	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	NIL

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation has been carried out at thirty-five houses: for bugs (5), ants (2), beetles (16), flies (9), others (3).

Visits made concerning the above

... 45

Inspections for tenancy allocations of Council Houses

... 495

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of in- spections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6, are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	12	1	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Auth- ority	412	217	47	-
3. Other prem- ises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	15	10	-	-
TOTALS	439	228	47	-

2. CASES WHERE DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	31	36	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes	-	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	31	38	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

	Section 110		Section 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
Iron and steel cables and chains	1	-	-	-
Making of wearing apparel	3	-	-	-
Carding of buttons etc.,	11	-	-	-
TOTALS	15	-	-	-

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATION

FOOD PREMISES

Number in the Borough of:

(1)	Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	53
(2)	Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	10
(3)	Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	30
(4)	Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	3
(5)	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	26
(6)	Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	9
(7)	Grocers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	114
(8)	Sweet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	35
(9)	Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	127
(10)	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	53
(11)	Bakehouses	8
(12)	Sweet Manufacturers	3
(13)	Mineral Water Depots and Manufacturers	2

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PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

(1)	Ice-Cream Retailers	218
(2)	Ice-Cream Manufacturers (Cold Mix)	...	...	...	...	1
(3)	Sausage etc. Manufacturers	7
(4)	Cooked Meat Preparers	21
(5)	Fish Frying	26

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MEAT INSPECTION

For the first time in the history of meat inspection in this Borough no tuberculosis was discovered in cattle during the year, surely a milestone well worth noting.

The quality of meat killed in the six slaughterhouses continues to be high and there was an increase in the number of cattle inspected compared to last year.

One of the less satisfactory facets of meat inspection is the overtime found necessary, including Saturdays and Sundays, aggravated by the detailed work and recording required by the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. It is not practicable to give sufficient compensating time off in lieu of overtime and I feel that this is a grave disadvantage in this age of five day weeks and overtime pay.

Nineteen slaughtermen's licences were renewed during the year.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	1,494	67	17	5,955	2,539	10,072
Number inspected	1,494	67	17	5,955	2,539	10,072
ALL diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses surrendered	3	-	-	1	1	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	138	8	-	230	390	766
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis	9.4	11.9	-	3.8	15.4	7.6
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses surrendered	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	-	-	-	-	40	40
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.6	.4
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	11	-	-	-	-	11
Carcasses submitted to refrigeration	11	-	-	-	-	11
Generalized and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CATTLE OTHER THAN COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	O
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pyæmia	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
Abscesses	-	3	3	-	50	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Bruising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Echinococcus	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-
C. Bovis	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-
Necrosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
Actinobacillosis	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telangiectasis	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Medicine Taint	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
TOTALS	3	16	21	7	94	3	6	3

C = Carcasses

H & T = Head and Tongue

L = Lungs

H = Heart

Lv = Liver

I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries

K = Kidneys

O = Other parts

COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	U	O
Abscesses	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Parasitic	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telangiectasis	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	-

C = Carcases

H & T = Head and Tongue

L = Lungs

H = Heart

Lv = Liver

I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries

K = Kidneys

U = Udders

O = Other parts

CALVES

Diseases : Nil

SHEEP

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	O
Bruising	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Parasitic	-	-	68	-	73	-	-
Oedema	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
C. Bovis	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	16	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Nephritis	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
TOTALS	1	1	85	6	74	8	3

C = Carcases
 H = Head
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 K = Kidneys
 O = Other parts

PIGS

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	I	O
Tuberculosis	-	28	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and Congestion	-	-	309	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Parasites	-	-	8	-	29	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Emaciation	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-
Leukaemia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	30	339	40	66	2	1	1

C = Carcasses
 H = Heads
 L = Lungs
 H = Hearts
 Lv = Livers
 K = Kidneys
 I = Intestines
 O = Other parts

Year	Tuberculosis discovered in Percentages		
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Pigs
1954	5.3	28.0	2.2
1955	5.1	17.9	1.7
1956	5.1	20.1	1.9
1957	3.0	22.3	2.2
1958	2.9	12.0	4.9
1959	2.5	3.5	1.7
1960	.7	NIL	1.9
1961	.27	4.4	1.8
1962	.08	NIL	1.2
1963	NIL	NIL	1.6

WEIGHT OF MEAT SURRENDERED

			<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
BEEF:	Carcase Meat	...		13	0	12
	Offal	...		16	1	27
MUTTON:	Carcase Meat	...			3	0
	Offal	...		2	2	7
PORK:	Carcase Meat	...			1	7
	Offal (including Heads)			9	3	24
			2	3	0	21

UNFIT FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN BUTCHERS MEAT

SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED

					<u>lbs.</u>
Tinned fish	...	...	...	...	35¼
Tinned fruit	...	...	...	...	145¼
Tinned meat	...	...	...	...	867
Tinned milk	...	...	...	...	17½
Tinned soup	...	...	...	...	7¼
Tinned vegetables		...	...	..	139½
Tinned puddings	...	...	...	...	16¼
Jars of jam	...	...	...	...	10
Jars of mustard	...	...	...	...	1½
Frozen fish	...	...	...	...	13½
Frozen meat	...	...	...	...	2½
Frozen vegetables		...	...	...	16

1,272

MILK SUPPLY

The following licences have been granted:-

Dealers Licences, Pasteurised	...	10
Dealers Licences, Sterilised	...	148

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING 1963

The County Council, acting for and on behalf of the Borough took 263 samples of food as shown below:-

<u>MILK</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
Pasteurised	10	-
Sterilised	15	-
T. T. Pasteurised	22	-
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	47	-
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<u>GENERAL FOODS</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
	216	11

ACTION TAKEN ON UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Stewed Steak with rich gravy	Formal	7% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% meat	To await decision of Food Standards Committee regarding meat content
2. Stewed Steak with rich gravy	Informal	7% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% meat	To await decision of Food Standards Committee regarding meat content
3. Sliced Beef in Gravy	Formal	9% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% meat and contained an undisclosed ingredient namely cereal flour	To await decision of Food Standards Committee regarding meat content

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
4. Fish Fingers	Formal	17.7% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% fish and added fat	Further samples to be taken
5. Apple sauce	Formal	Contained 10.1% added water in excess of normal amount	Investigations still proceeding
6. Stewed Steak with Gravy	Informal	4% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% meat. Contained starch or flour not included in list of ingredients	Labels amended
7. Stewed Steak with Gravy	Formal	Contained added starch or flour not included in list of ingredients	Labels amended
8. Sliced Roast Beef with rich gravy	Formal	9% deficient of its proper proportion of 75% meat.	To await decision of Food Standards Committee on tinned meat
9. Bread and butter	Formal	Fatty spread portion contained no significant amount of butter and consisted of margarine or some similar product.	Fined £2 and £5. 5. 0. costs.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
10. Buttered toast	Formal	Fatty spread portion contained no significant amount of butter and consisted of margarine or some similar product.	Fined £2 and £5. 5. 0. costs.
11. Buttered scones	Formal	Fatty spread portion contained no significant amount of butter and consisted of margarine or some similar product.	Fined £2 and £5. 5. 0. costs.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following particulars of the examination of milk samples taken during the year:-

Bacteriological Test -

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	54	-
Pasteurised	80	5) Failed) Methylen) Blue tes
Sterilised	32	-
	<hr/> 166	<hr/> 5
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FOOD POISONING

There were no outbreaks or confirmed cases of food poisoning during the year.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM Etc.

The following licences have been granted:-

		<u>Premises</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
Petroleum Spirit	...	103	190,125
Rubber Solvent	...	1	1,000
Rubber Solution	...	2	102
Cellulose Paint and Mixtures	...	16	1,787
		<hr/> 122	<hr/> 193,014
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Carbide of Calcium	...	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Tons.</u> <u>Cwts.</u> <u>Qrs.</u>
		2	1. 4. 0.

PUBLIC MORTUARY

A total of 64 bodies were admitted during 1963. The cost of this service for the financial year 1962 - 63 is given below:-

					£
Labour	189
Building Maintenance	44
Rates and Loan Charges			65 °
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					298
					<hr/>

THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Twelve samples were taken during the year and all were found to be satisfactory.

ABATEMENT OF NOISE NUISANCE

The work involved in assessing and abating noise nuisance has increased considerably and here again the Inspectors are involved in overtime duties often extending into the small hours, when noise has its highest nuisance value.

Although there is immense satisfaction in reducing noise to an acceptable level, as in all other work of the Department one tends to be judged by failures rather than successes even when these failures are few and far between and no practicable means exist to combat the nuisance. Complainants are vociferous in their calls for action, impatient in awaiting results and reluctant to take private action which could be more rapid and successful.

The following action has been taken to reduce nuisance:-

- (1) Three silencers fitted to air compressors
- (2) Sound absorbing partitions provided to air compressors
- (3) Metal working machinery adjoining dwellinghouse discontinued
- (4) Extraction fan muffled
- (5) Excessive noise from broadcast music in a factory reduced

- (6) Circular saw - number of hours of working reduced at a firewood factory
- (7) Public Address system - volume decreased
- (8) Orchestra room lined with sound proofing material
- (9) Precautions taken to minimise noise from metal loading.

HOUSES IN MULTI-OCCUPATION

Six houses coming within the above definition are under constant surveillance, night visits being paid to ascertain the number of occupants. Very few complaints have been received and with few exceptions the occupiers are co-operative although it is extremely difficult to convey to peoples with a completely different approach the standards required to integrate with a community such as ours.

I am quite sure that this problem will take at least a generation before a solution is even in sight. Inspectors with over thirty years experience will readily recall precisely the same problem in industrial areas calling for legislation to deal with 'Houses let in lodgings' and 'common lodging houses', but in that case the cause was more a matter of economics. The present problem is one of education, customs and physical shortage of accommodation.

PROSECUTIONS 1963

Public Health Acts, 1936 - 61.

There were no prosecutions necessary during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Result</u>
(1) Section 8	Mouldy meat pie	Fined £25 and costs. Shop Manageress cross summoned. Fined £5. Appeal to Quarter Sessions dismissed with costs.
(2) Section 8	Mouldy pork pie	Absolute discharge on payment of costs £4. 8. 0.

		<u>Offence</u>	<u>Result</u>
(3)	Section 2	Water in milk	Fined £20 and costs £6. 6. 0.
(4)	Section 8	Ropey bread	Fined £20 on each of two charges plus £13. 14. 6. costs.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Although this Council is still opposed in principle to the formation of smoke control areas and consequently no work of this nature has been carried out in the Borough, it still has a very lively interest in smoke control and a general statement of the position may be of value.

It is my opinion and the experiences of neighbouring Authorities confirm this, that the introduction of smoke control areas is becoming increasingly difficult owing to the progressive reduction of readily available smokeless fuel and the problems of its distribution in acceptable quantities and prices. The position is further aggravated by the attitude of certain bodies which cannot be described as in opposition but rather less co-operative to the present conception of smoke control areas as such. Obviously an overall fuel policy is desirable to alleviate the position but it appears at the moment that this is impracticable. We are living in an age of change and improvement, piecemeal as it may appear but a completely detached view would confirm this. Let us face facts, conversion from coal to solid smokeless fuel is a step in the right direction but a small step - a much more advanced step would be conversion to the 'piped' fuels and this is being done in increasing numbers by householders inside and outside of smoke control areas. In fact progress is catching up and overtaking the smoke control area and serious consideration should be given as to whether this approach is now outdated. Who is to pay for the conversion of the already converted solid fuel grates must be a problem which should be allowed to go no further. Public Health Inspectors should look to Central Government for amendments to the existing legislation which are becoming rapidly more urgent as Local Authorities become bogged down and smoke control grinds to a halt.

Surely the answer now is to encourage the use of truly smokeless methods of central heating or piped fuels by a system of individual grants on the same lines as improvement grants and as the momentum increases to introduce compulsion.

As I said at the outset these random thoughts are purely my personal opinion on the problem but they appear to me to be logical and would avoid the obvious pitfalls now awaiting those enthusiastic Local Authorities who against all odds pursue the arduous task of securing for us all a cleaner and healthier atmosphere.

The co-operation of industry is still forthcoming in most cases of smoke, grit and fume nuisance, to such an extent that as an experimental measure two large cold blast cupolas have been fitted with

a free standing high chimney in an attempt to combat a local fume nuisance. It is too early to say that this is an unqualified success but no serious drawbacks have been encountered, contrary to much informed opinion and the results to date are very encouraging.

Improvements secured

- (1) Factory space heating installation changed to smokeless fuel.
- (2) Chain hearth re sited and grit arrestor fitted.
- (3) Wet arrestor fitted to paint spraying booth.
- (4) Space heating chimney increased in height.
- (5) Burning trade refuse discontinued at:-
 - (a) Clothing factory
 - (b) Scrap dealers yard
 - (c) Butchers shop
 - (d) General store
 - (e) Public Garage
 - (f) Shop
- (6) Two cold blast cupolas fitted with a high chimney.
- (7) Adjustments to air supply of vertical boiler burning solid fuel.
- (8) Modification made to furnace oil burners.
- (9) Burning of waste sump oil discontinued.
- (10) Burning of waste copper discontinued.
- (11) Reclamation of metal tubing by burning discontinued.
- (12) Cyclones repaired and overhauled to asphalte plant.
- (13) New wet arrestors fitted to granite crushing plant.
- (14) Trough type grit suppressor to granite crushing plant overhauled.

TONS PER SQUARE MILE - SOLIDS DEPOSITED DURING
THE LAST TEN YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS</u>
	<u>*OLD HILL</u>	<u>! BLACKHEATH</u>
1954	20.09	14.06
1955	17.51	14.36
1956	16.22	14.47
1957	15.94	12.99
1958	15.06	12.17
1959	15.27	12.13
1960	17.11	16.04
1961	13.51	12.96
1962	13.94	12.57
1963	12.94	12.70

* Low-Lying Industrial Area

! Higher Ground - Mainly Residential

1963	Total Solids Per Sq. Mile in Tons		Rainfall in Inches
Month	Old Hill	Blackheath	
JANUARY	7.90	4.59	0.22
FEBRUARY	6.60	5.91	0.66
MARCH	19.48	18.29	2.76
APRIL	15.36	12.24	1.81
MAY	17.66	28.15	2.61
JUNE	16.70	25.40	1.87
JULY	10.19	8.06	2.07
AUGUST	14.51	11.28	2.70
SEPTEMBER	10.92	7.70	1.04
OCTOBER	8.99	7.47	1.16
NOVEMBER	15.50	13.58	3.94
DECEMBER	11.49	9.76	0.32
Monthly Average	12.94	12.70	1.76

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 Months Ended 31st December, 1963.

	<u>Type of Property</u>			All other (including Business & Industrial)	Total
	Local Auth- ority	Dwelling houses	Agricul tural		
1. Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district.	15	16,176	-	1,580	17,771
2. No. of properties inspected by the Local Authority as a result of					
(a) notification	a 8	308	-	32	348
(b) survey under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	b -	224	-	-	224
(c) Otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	c -	-	-	-	-
3. No. of properties inspected (Under 2) which were found to be infested by rats	Major - Minor 6	- 343	- -	- 28	- 377
4. No. of properties inspected (Under 2) which were found to be infested by mice	Minor 2	54	-	4	60
5. No. of infested properties (Under 3 & 4) treated by Local Authority	8	397	-	32	437
6. No. of inspections carried out including re-inspections	35	2,019	-	147	2,201

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(Continued)

6. No. of notices served under Sec. 4:					
1. Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
2. Structural works (proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
7. No. of Block Control Schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

